Purchase of Defence weapons from US

1281. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to purchase defence weapons from US; and

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister had any talks with the US authorities regarding the deal in course of his recent visit to US?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Selection of defence equipment for induction into Defence Services is done after intensive valuation with reference to prscribed parameters. This procedure is followed in case of all weapons purchased from abroad, including USA.

(b) No, Sir.

Recovery of Important Files and Documents from a Taiwanese Representative in India

1282. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recovery of some important documents and files from a Taiwanse representative in India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Govt. have been able to identify person having links with the said spy representative;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (e) The matter is under investigation by Government.

Persons arrested following the 'Operation Blue Star'

1283. SHRI L. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of army personnel arrested by police|army in different parts of the country following the Operation Blue Star;

(b) what is the category-wise list of army personnel;

(c) what is the number of those sentenced after court martial as on date and of those who are yet to be court martialled;

(d) what is maximum punishment awarded so far;

(e) whether there is any proposal to pardon or to declare amnesty for them; and

(f) if not, whether Government propose to reduce punishment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) A total of 2337 Army personnel were arrested by Army/Police.

(b) Officers|JCOs	Nil
Other Ranks	2337
(c) Tried by Courts Martial and summarily disposed	2339
Yet to be tried	98
Total	2337

(d) Life Imprisonment.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The persons punished have a right under the Army Act to submit a petition to the appropriate authority which will decide each case on merits.